



ALEXANDRIA.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12.

THE REMOVAL of Commissioner Tanner has raised a lively din around the President's ears. That the removal should have been made was patent to all right thinking men, well informed upon the subject, for all such men knew that Mr. Tanner was utterly unfit for the position by nature and association, as well as by education. But for all that, as the influence of the G. A. R. has heretofore been potential with the administration, and as that organization endorsed Mr. Tanner, his removal has set them against the President and has stimulated all the enemies of the latter in his own party, from Governor Alger down to the redoubtable Benjamin F. Butler, to shoot at him either openly or from concealed batteries. As the G. A. R. is powerful in Ohio, the deposition of Mr. Tanner is not conducive to republican success at the approaching election in that State. The Tanner experience is another object lesson in the matter of appointments. A beggar on horseback will ride to the devil in as well as out of office.

WHILE SUCH prominent republicans as Cameron, Wise, Lewis, the Yosts, Berkely, Pendleton, Botts, Rives, Frisler, Heermans, Brown, Hine, Egghorn, Riddleberger, King, Gilmer, Walthall, Hansbrough, Claiborne, Libby, Sener, Hood, Grover, Mayo, and others, are bold enough to come out openly against Mahone and his "methods," the impression is that there are hundreds of others equally as prominent, who either dreading the General's animosity or disliking to be known as opponents of their party organization, will keep quiet, but vote against him all the same, and thousands of the rank and file of the party who will follow their example. For the sake of Virginia it is hoped that the impression referred to may be true.

THE PHILADELPHIA Record says: "If Virginia should at the coming election defeat General Mahone she would render a political service to the country almost as conspicuous as that of the defeat of Know Nothingism when that malevolent narrowness threatened to overspread the whole country." The leaders of the Virginia democracy are not as wise as they were when their party overcame know nothingism, but the natural strength of the democratic party and the weakness of its opponents, will be sufficient to secure success next November, in spite of a bad platform, and of unwise and injudicious democratic writers and speakers.

BISHOP NEWMAN, of the northern M. E. Church, and a pronounced republican, says: "I look forward to the time, and I hope it is not far distant, when we can stand and firmly say, 'no foreign-born citizen shall henceforward have a place in the legislative conduct of the country.'" And yet there are Irish and German republican clubs in all the larger cities of the country, and in cities where the foreign element is too small for such clubs, there are Irishmen and Germans who do all they can at every election to promote the success of the party of which Bishop Newman is one of the mouth-piece.

THE PLATFORM adopted by the democrats of New Jersey at their late State convention declares that "upon issues affecting the administration of the national government we reaffirm the doctrine adopted in the national democratic platform at St. Louis, in June, 1888." Right. The national platform of 1888 endorsed the Mills bill. That will be the platform of 1892, and upon that platform, and with a ticket not handicapped by democratic opposition, the democrats will be assured of success.

THE FACT that the price of Cumberland coal along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal has been doubled since the suspension of navigation on that canal ought to be sufficient to induce the Maryland legislature to take the canal from the control of those who want to compass its ruin, and put it in the hands of those who are interested in its success, and who will guarantee to repair it and keep it in navigable condition with the money received from tolls.

MR. PARSONS has become subject to the "malign influence" of General Mahone, though he professes to be a great friend of Secretary Blaine, of whom General Mahone is an avowed enemy, and an advocate of the payment of the State debt, the repudiation of which was only made possible by General Mahone. Mr. Parsons evidently agrees with his party ally, General Raum, that "modern politicians can't afford to be consistent."

ON TUESDAY last Private Da'zall said the removal of Corporal Tanner "would cost the republicans every State North this year of grace 1889, and both houses before two years. It would occasion such a revolt among the boys in blue that they would leave the party in a body." Well, the Corporal has been removed. But Sergeant Bates hasn't yet been heard from.

THE FACT that no juror has yet been secured in the Cronin case in Chicago is of itself a sufficient reason for the abolition of the jury system as practiced in this country. Like the civil service system, the practical operation of the jury system proves it to be a ridiculous and grotesque farce, to the effect being to protect, instead of to punish criminals.

It is stated that Judge Groff, of Omaha, will be the next commissioner of the general land office.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12, 1889.
It is understood that charges of the gravest character against the present management of the Geological Survey have been placed in the hands of Congressmen, and that a demand will be made for an investigation at the next session of Congress. Charges of a similar character were presented to Mr. Vilas when he was Secretary of the Interior, but that civil service reformer was too much of a republican to order an investigation.

A republican from Westmoreland county, Virginia, here to-day says the defection of Mr. William Mayo, one of the chief officers of that county, and heretofore an active republican worker, will effect the Mahoneite vote there considerably, as he has no little influence among his republican neighbors.

Virginia republicans here to-day say that from what they can learn the report that the national republican committee has informed Gen. Mahone that he can draw upon them for all the money he may want to buy votes in Virginia is true only to a small extent, judging from the economical conduct of his campaign. They say that he makes a hundred dollars go as far to a political campaign as he makes a ham go at his free lunch. He is on business bent, but has a frugal mind.

The following changes in the 4th class postoffices of Virginia were made to-day: Aspenwall, Charlotte county, R. H. Collins, appointed postmaster; vice Catherine Milton, removed; Bealeton, Fauquier county, Ambrose Kane, vice Chas. D. Embrey removed; Coonsville, Bedford county, Gustavus Simmons, vice M. R. Wiginton, removed; Elk Creek, Grayson county, Jno. Delp, vice J. M. McLean, resigned; Gainesville, Prince William county, Virginia B. Cave, vice Wm. F. Hite, removed; Major, Grayson county, E. M. Thomas, vice Sarah C. Hase, resigned; Stump, Washington county, Wm. T. McConnell, vice Susan E. Stump, removed; Sward's Creek, Russell county, E. R. Smith, vice Wm. R. Davis, removed; White House, New Kent county, P. H. Huffman, vice Maria L. Johnson, deceased.

The chief topic of conversation among the politicians and G. A. R. men here to-day is the summary deposition of Corporal Tanner from his place as Commissioner of Pensions. Among the former the prevailing impression is that it will seriously impair the prospects of Foraker's election in Ohio and probably cause his defeat. The latter say the President has surrendered to the copperheads, and that hereafter he need expect nothing from them. At one o'clock to-day copies of the forced resignation and of its immediate acceptance were given to the press agents at the White House and at once telegraphed to all quarters of the country. The G. A. R. howl, but right thinking men of all parties are delighted that Tanner's ridiculous but costly tricks have been brought to a close. It was hard work to make him send in his resignation, and he was only induced to do so by the promise of another place. He naturally wonders what he was begun for if he was to be so soon done for, and his disappointment at not making the administration solid with the G. A. R., as he asserted he would do, is so great that he believes there is nothing true but heaven.

Now that Tanner has gone, it is rumored here that Clarkson will be the next to go, as the President has lost faith in his veracity, and has heard enough to make him doubt his fealty. Hatton and Dudley have already had the cold shoulder tendered to them. The "workers" say "the mugwumps have got Harrison, and that his administration is a failure."

STATE POLITICAL NOTES.

The democrats have made the following additional legislative nominations: Fauquier, J. A. Piche; Fairfax, J. O. Barry; Washington, E. S. Kendrick and Jas. Crow; Southampton, R. S. Boykin.

Maj. R. T. Scott and Col. C. Slomphad a joint discussion at Estelville, on Tuesday, before a crowded house. Maj. Scott made a fine impression. Both speakers were dignified and courteous, and everything passed off pleasantly.

Capt. J. Henry Elves, formerly collector of internal revenue for the Lynchburg district, and a prominent and consistent republican for more than twenty years, announces that he will not support Gen. Mahone for Governor.

In his speech at Woodstock, on Monday, Senator Riddleberger said that Gen. Mahone was trying to rip open the debt settlement in order to get money out of the bondholders to buy votes for him if for Governor. He discussed Mahone's position on the debt question, and said that the only other issue was the race issue. He knew both candidates well. McKinney is an honest and truthful man, and stands shoulder to shoulder with the people of Virginia upon these issues, and is sincere in the position which he occupies. Mahone, on the other hand, never told the truth; he made the issues for effect, without believing in them.

A dispatch from Richmond to the New York Sun says: "A movement is on foot among citizens of Virginia of Northern birth who have settled here since the defeat of Mahone, whose election they would regard as a calamity to the business interests of the State. Two plans of action have been suggested. One proposes a dignified protest addressed to President Harrison against the interference by himself and Messrs. Wauamaker and Clarkson with the local affairs of Virginia, and in the interest of a man whose social, moral, and political standing is such as Mahone's. The other course looks to a business organization to raise campaign funds."

THE RED MEN.—The sessions in Baltimore yesterday of the Grand Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men were devoted almost entirely to secret business. Several alterations to the ritual of the degree of Pocahontas were presented, providing for a funeral service and a form for public installation. These were referred to committees. The report of the committee on finance, making appropriations of about \$11,000, was passed. The council will adjourn to-day at two o'clock to see the city. The final adjournment will be reached to-morrow.

McAULIFFE WHIPS PAT KILLEN.—A fight to a finish, Queensbury rules, between Pat Killen, heavy weight champion of the Northwest, and Joe McAuliffe, ex champion heavy weight of the Pacific coast, for a purse of \$2,500, \$500 to the loser, took place at the Golden Gate Athletic Club in San Francisco last night. McAuliffe won the fight in the seventh round. McAuliffe weighed about 203 pounds and was seconded by Paddy Ryan and Con Riorden. Killen weighed 195 and was seconded by Professor Anderson and Dave Campbell.

It is reported that Germany is about to place an army corps on the Belgian frontier and reinforce the troops in Alsace Lorraine. It is also reported that the French Minister of War intends to double the strength of the army corps stationed at Nancy.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Cholera has broken out in Athens. William N. Calvert, a descendant of the second Lord Baltimore, died at Asheville, N. C. on Sunday.

Chauncey M. Depew and family arrived on the City of New York from Europe yesterday evening.

A scheme is announced in London for the construction of a ship-canal between Edinburgh and Glasgow.

All games of baseball appointed for yesterday in the League and Association were prevented by rain.

Twenty-seven thousand trees have been destroyed by fire, which is still raging in the forests of Pentelcus, Greece.

Abram B. Tappen has been elected grand sashem of the Tammany society, in New York, in place of Sheriff Slack, resigned.

Martin Burke is reported on good authority to have made a confession in the Cronin case. No jury has been obtained.

It was reported in Washington last night that Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson would soon resign, but the report is not believed.

Henry S. Ives, who is now being tried in New York for forgery, is charged with issuing fraudulently \$600,000 worth of stock of the C. H. and D. Railroad.

The body of Miss Annie Mead, of Birmingham, N. Y., who committed suicide by going over Niagara Falls last Thursday, has been recovered from the whirlpool.

The month of August closed in West Virginia with a record of sixteen murders, making a total for the first eight months of 1889 of sixty-two crimes of that character.

The bad weather yesterday interfered with the plans of the Baltimore exposition. Comparatively few persons went out to the grounds at Pimlico. The sham battle takes place to-day.

John L. Sullivan has determined to enter political life through the medium of the Boston Common Council. His ward is strongly democratic, and he could very likely get a nomination.

A band of so-called White Regulators at Lafayette, La., yesterday attacked the cabin of an old colored man who fired upon them. They then looted him and his daughter and killed them. A number of other colored men in the vicinity were whipped.

A mob of one hundred men broke open the jail at Morgantown, N. C., yesterday, took out Franklin Stack, a white man, and David Boone, colored, and hanged them. Sack ambushed Robert Parker, a student at college, who killed Stack's brother some months back, and Boone shot and killed a man at a camp meeting.

The New York Evening Post declares that the net result of the first six months of President Harrison's term "is a lower moral tone in politics than the country has known since 1872." The most conspicuous developments of his policy, it says, are the course of Commissioner Tamm, the choice by the President of Tom Platt, Matt Quay and Mahone as the men to whom he prefers to hand over the patronage of the government, the increase of over \$7,000,000 in the public debt during the last third of the six months, and the removal from office without cause.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Mary E. Gilkeson, widow of the late W. D. Gilkeson, of Frederick county, died in Staunton on Friday.

A Pennsylvania has recently purchased a large number of colts from Loudoun county farmers, paying from \$35 to \$50 per head.

Mr. Edward Valentine, of Richmond, has been awarded the contract for the statue to be erected in honor of Gen. W. C. Wickham.

Sofar, one dozen colored men have been arrested on the charge of complicity in the murder of T. L. Waller, at Sewell's Point on Sunday.

Mr. Edward Lee, a well known citizen of Ashland, died yesterday aged 32 years. He was the youngest son of the late Leroy M. Lee, D. D.

Mr. Peyton Marshall, youngest son of E. O. Marshall, of Kansas City, and a relative of the Marshalls of Fauquier county, died in Indiana recently where he was attending lectures at one of the medical colleges.

Mr. Franz Peters, near Haymarket, has recently lost five horses from the glanders. Two died and three had to be killed. It is supposed that his horses caught the disease from a horse he had recently purchased at New Baltimore.

The hotel at Bon Air, a summer resort near Richmond, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$35,000, partially insured. The guests were at dinner when the fire was discovered, and so rapidly did the flames spread that a number of them lost their clothing.

City Sergeant Day, of Lynchburg, has again been summoned to Baltimore to appear before Judge Bond in the United States Court in the case of L. O. Shaner, who offered coupons in payment for fines assessed against him in the city and county courts. The coupons were refused when tendered, and Judge Bond summoned the parties some time ago to appear, and afterwards postponed the hearing until to-day.

Last Saturday, Messrs. J. B. Beverley and J. H. Alexander, commissioners, sold at public auction, in the town of Upperville, 230 acres of the lands of the late Wm. G. Beverley, lying near Upperville, in Fauquier county, to Duff Green, eq. for \$49,500 per acre. And on Monday, Messrs. Janney, Nichols and Garrett, commissioners, in the case of Hobson vs. Peyton, sold in Leeburg, the home farm of Henry E. Peyton, situated near Wheatland, and containing 265 acres, for \$50 per acre—Lewis M. McGavac, purchaser.

Court of Appeals.

In the Court of Appeals at Staunton yesterday all the judges were present.

Fudge, &c., vs. Payne, &c., was further argued by E. Pendleton, eq., and submitted.

On the petition of the Piedmont Gun and Manufacturing Company a writ of error was awarded to the judgment of the Circuit Court of Henry county at the October term, 1888, in the case at law of said company vs. R. F. Morris and others.

John's administrator vs. Johns, from Augusta county, was argued by Charles Curry for appellant and T. C. Elter for appellee and continued for a further hearing.

Public Speaking.

ROOMS STATE DEM. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ALEXANDRIA, VA., Sept. 12, 1889.
The executive committee are authorized to make the following announcements:

W. R. ALEXANDER.

Rockingham, Monday, September 16.

SAM'L P. COLEMAN.

Fluvanna, Monday, September 23.

GEN. W. H. F. LEE.

Culpeper, Monday, September 16.

HON. R. W. MOORE.

Fauquier, Monday, September 23.

HON. R. T. BARTON.

Washington, Monday, September 23.

JOHN S. BARBOUR, Acting Chairman.

W. W. SCOTT, Secretaries.

H. SHEPHERD.

The Bell telephone directors to-day increased their capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000, and the number of shares from 100,000 to 125,000.

The Storm on the Coast.

The storm which has been raging for five days has played havoc with some of the land and resorts about New York and on the Jersey coast in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Cape May seems to have escaped with very little damage, and the grave apprehensions from Atlantic City have been somewhat relieved by later reports, though the damage is very considerable. The city is submerged and the only communication is by wading for miles through the flooded meadows. Not a train can reach or leave the city for fully a week. There is no milk, no vegetables, no meat, and nothing is left but bread and water. Luckily the supply of flour is plentiful. Coney Island, Manhattan Beach, and other New York summer resorts fared very badly. Vast sums of money which have been spent to make these places attractive became a loss in a few hours. It is doubtful if the Brighton Beach race course can ever be restored. At Long Branch the surf was so high that it washed the outer end of the great ocean pier and tossed its foam and spray two hundred feet in land. The bluff has again been badly damaged, and it will cost fully \$170,000 to repair it. The worst cut in the bluff is opposite the site of the old East End Hotel, north of the Hotel Brighton. Here the surf has eaten half through Ocean avenue, and every assault of the angry waves makes the gap bigger. At Seabright, N. J., several cottages were washed away. All the railroads to Jersey shore resorts have sustained heavy losses. The beach from Rehoboth to Lewes is strewn with wrecks. It is thought at least 50 lives were lost. Men were seen clinging to the rigging of the fast sinking vessels, frantically yelling for help. The life saving crew were powerless to render assistance owing to the fury of the gale. It was a terrible sight to witness, but no human power could save them. Their bodies were washed ashore yesterday morning and were buried in the sand along the water. The loss to vessel property at the Breakwater will reach, it is thought, \$500,000. At least two score vessels are now beached. Both wooden piers were washed away. From every point on the coast came tales of wreck and destruction. The loss of life in Delaware Bay has been almost as heavy as during the great blizzard of March 1888. Three coal-laden schooners, the J. & L. Bryan, the Walter F. Parker and Kate E. Morse, have sunk and of twenty-three persons on board only two are known to be saved. It was reported last night that two other schooners have gone down with all hands on board, and if this rumor should prove true it would swell the loss of life to thirty-five.

Telegraphic and railroad communication with many coast points has been cut off so that the particulars are meagre. A great deal of apprehension exists among maritime interests for the safety of ships, some serious disasters having been reported at the Delaware Breakwater. While the storm abated somewhat yesterday the conditions were such that nine outward bound steamers carried their pilots to sea with them from New York. At Ocean City, Md., the big breakers did considerable damage, and the cottagers with difficulty got away from the sea swept village. Many vessels are ashore at Delaware Breakwater, and incoming steamers report rough experiences in the storm. There was but little actual damage in Norfolk by the storm, but the losses of the truckers were considerable. The wires to Hatteras are down. It is reported that the hotel at Nag's Head, N. C., was blown down Tuesday night and a number of persons killed. The captains of the steamboats which arrived at Baltimore yesterday reported high winds, heavy seas and rain on the bay Tuesday night. All the steamers, with one exception, were from six to twelve hours behind time.

MR. COX'S FUNERAL.—The funeral of Mr. S. S. Cox will be public and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Fifth avenue, New York, to-morrow, at ten o'clock. Many deputations from societies will be present. The pallbearers selected are General W. T. Sherman, Vice President Morton, John T. Agnew, Senator Henry L. Dawes, S. I. Kimball, W. D. Bishop, Gen. Francis A. Walker, ex Attorney General A. Garland, Charles A. Dana, John A. Cockrell, ex Judge Charles P. Daly, M. H. Northrup, Admiral B. F. Franklin and Edward Cahill. The alternates are ex President Cleveland, Governor Hill, Washington McLean, Henry B. Payne, Chief Justice Fuller, General M. C. Meigs, Senator J. P. Beck, George Newson, Rudolph Kauffman, J. H. Outwater, C. S. Baker, Gen. Thomas Ewing and ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman. It is thought that the body will be temporarily interred at Greenwood.

A CAVE-IN.—One of the greatest cave-ins that have yet occurred in the Pennsylvania coal regions startled the residents of the Wyoming Valley Tuesday night. Just outside of the town of Plymouth the earth settled for a distance of a mile, affecting about thirty acres of territory belonging to the Delaware and Hudson River Company. The entire territory was undermined, and was still being worked out. The consensus was thought by many to be caused by an earthquake, and people in Wilkesbarre, four miles distant, experienced a rocking sensation. The damage cannot yet be ascertained, but it will be immense. Workmen are endeavoring to effect an opening into the mine, but there is great danger of water entering it from the surface and shutting off all further labor. About fifteen hundred men and boys are thrown out of employment.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—There was again some hesitation at the opening of the stock market this morning, and first prices, as compared with last evening's closing figures, were generally slightly lower. The market, however, soon recovered, prices generally being carried small fractions above the opening figures. The upward movement made but small progress, and at 11 o'clock the market was fairly active and barely steady, generally at a shade above the opening prices. Money easy at 3-4.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, September 12.—There are but few changes to note in the markets. Flour is quiet at last quotations. Wheat is easy, the offerings still being of poor quality, and sales were made at 55 7/8. Corn is firmer at 42 3/4 to 45. No change in Rye or Oats. Country produce is fairly active.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Cotton firm; uplands 11 1/2; Orleans 11 1/2; futures steady. Flour irregular. Wheat dull and easy. Corn quiet and easy. Pork dull and firm at \$12 50 to \$13 50. Lard quiet and steady at \$6 35.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 12.—The market is closed to-day.

QUEENSTOWN CATTLE MARKET, Sept. 11.—At Union stock yards this week 117 cattle were on the market and sold as follows: Best 3 1/4 to 3 1/2; good 3 1/4 to 3 1/2; medium 3 1/4 to 3 1/2; common 2 3/4 to 3 1/2. 690 Sheep and Lambs were on the market and sold as follows: 60 Sheep 3 1/4 to 3 1/2; 400 Lambs 4 1/4 to 4 1/2. Cows and Calves \$20 to \$25 each. Market for cattle dull, but good for Sheep and Lambs.

DUFFY'S SWEET CIDER 30c a gallon at jan 18



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

The Storm.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 12.—Lewes speculates state that no language can picture the terrible scene along the coast. The wind is blowing with almost hurricane fierceness, driving the rain with a force that cuts like hail. The half-mile reach of sand between town and coast is a tossing, billowy ocean, bearing wreckage on every wave. Through the mist of spray and storm tattered sails, and naked masts of scores of deserted and dismantled vessels can be dimly seen. Since Monday night the storm has raged without abatement. Yesterday's dawn showed a hundred vessels which had sought the refuge of the breakwater. The refuge was insufficient. By 11 o'clock the sea broke over the breakwater; wrecked the telegraph station, carried away the big fog bell and rushed shorewards, sweeping away the steamboat pier and dashing the Italian bark Il Salvator against the iron government pier. The piers of Brown & Co., and Leuce Bros. gave way and were swept to sea. The U. S. marine hospital was dashed from its moorings and sent spinning down the beach. The Lewes life saving station, forty feet above high water mark, was flooded and its foundation undermined. Hugheville, a suburb between the town and beach, was submerged and its 200 inhabitants fled for life, leaving all their possessions behind. The first boat came ashore at 9 a. m. Then came another and another. This life saving crew, reinforced by the Henlopen and Rehoboth crews, went to work and have labored almost unceasingly ever since. The crew of every vessel that struck was taken off by these daring men and not a life was lost among the scores of men they handled. An unknown vessel sunk off the Brown Shoals and all the crew but two were drowned. The total number of lives lost will probably exceed forty.

News comes from Rehoboth that the surf is breaking over the Bright House porch; that Surf avenue is entirely washed away and that the Douglas House is surrounded by water and its inmates are in great terror.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—Train service has been resumed between here and Philadelphia. It will take months for this city to recover from the loss the storm has caused. The wind still blows at the rate of 35 to 40 miles an hour and it is still raining. The beach tides have not been large and consequently are unaccompanied by further damage. The meadows, however, are still three and four feet under water. The damage to the road beds of the railroad companies is worse than at first anticipated. Wm. Smith's hotel, on Peter's Beach, Brigantine, is safe, but greatly damaged. There was no loss of life there. It is not known whether or not the hotel Aberdeen withstood the storm. Great anxiety is felt for the safety of the residents. It is estimated that \$150,000 will not cover the loss to Atlantic City and her interests. Fifteen thousand people will leave here to-day and to-morrow. Several thrilling escapes from drowning are reported.

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N. J., Sept. 12.—The storm in this vicinity was the worst known since the blizzard. At this writing no lives have been lost but the loss of property has been great.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The White Star steamer Teutonic, the Penland and Rotterdam from Europa report having experienced unusually heavy weather, but had met with no serious trouble. About nine o'clock the Roanoke and Richmond, of the Old Dominion line, arrived. They, too, had their share of rough weather.

It is rumored that a large Sound steamer is on the rocks near Fort Schuyler. Nothing definite can yet be learned.

The National line steamer England, from Liverpool, got to her dock to-day, after experiencing one of the roughest voyages her commander had encountered in a service of 16 years at sea. At midnight Tuesday one of the firemen was washed overboard and drowned.

Tanner's Resignation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The following is Commissioner Tanner's letter of resignation and President Harrison's reply thereto:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
WASHINGTON, September 12, 1889.

To the President:

The differences which exist between the Secretary of the Interior and myself as to the policy to be pursued in the administration of the Pension Bureau have reached a stage which threatens to embarrass you to an extent which I feel I should not call upon you to suffer, and, as the investigation into the affairs of the bureau has been completed, and I am assured by yourself and by the Secretary of the Interior, contains no reflection on my integrity as an individual or as an officer, I herewith place my resignation in your hands, to take effect at your pleasure, to the end that you may be relieved of any further embarrassment in the matter. Very respectfully yours,
JAMES TANNER, Commissioner.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, September 12, 1889.

Hon. James Tanner, Commissioner of Pensions:

Dear Sir:—Your letter tendering your resignation of the office of Commissioner of Pensions has been received, and your resignation is accepted, to take effect on the appointment and qualification of your successor.

I do not think it necessary, in this correspondence, to discuss the causes which have led to the present attitude of affairs in the Pension Office. You have been kindly and fully advised of my views upon most of these matters.

It gives me pleasure to add that, so far as I am advised, your honesty has not at any time been called in question, and I beg to renew the expression of my personal good will. Very truly yours,
BENJ. HARRISON.

Commissioner Tanner was at the Pension Office at the usual hour this morning and remained there until about noon, when he left. To-day ex-Congressman Wm. Warner, of Missouri, ex-Commissioner in-Chief of the G. A. R., is believed to be most likely to be appointed his successor. The impression of yesterday that Corporal Tanner would be provided for in some way by the administration still prevails. It is said to-day that Gen. Alger did not tell Gen. Foraker's position is

also said to have been misrepresented by yesterday's reports.

The Baltimore Celebration.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 12.—The weather on the second day of the Maryland exposition was bad enough, but that of yesterday and to-day has caused the promoters of the show to look sad. Hundreds of visitors have left the city. The labor parade dwindled to about 2,000 but many others will meet the men at Pimlico where they will hold their annual celebration. The grand feature of the day will be the sham battle of North Point. The troops to participate are from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware and U. S. regulars. Thousands of shots will be fired from muskets and cannon and the flight of 75 years ago will be waged anew. At night the police will be dedicated.

The Atlanta

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The officials of the navy department are beginning to be uneasy about the cruiser Atlanta. She left New York three days ago for Newport, R. I., taking the outside passage, and must have encountered the recent severe weather in the open ocean. The Atlanta has never before been in heavy weather.

LATER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The U. S. man-of-war Atlanta, which left the Brooklyn navy yard the fore part of this week, and had been given up as lost by the newspapers, passed out this morning about 9 o'clock, according to news from the health officer's quarters.

The London Strike

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The conference between Cardinal Manning and the directors of the dock companies was held to-day. The Cardinal found that the directors were not willing to agree to the compromise proposed by him that the terms which the dock companies have already conceded go into effect on November, provided that the men immediately resume work. The Cardinal persuaded the directors to again consider the proposal, and to postpone their decision for the present. The dock companies have decided to adhere to the offer made by them to raise the wages of their men on January 1st.

Fire on a Steamer.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The White Star Line steamer Britannia, from New York for Liverpool, narrowly escaped destruction by fire at sea on September 5th. A fire broke out in the cotton stowed under one of the port hatches, but by the united efforts of the passengers and crew it was extinguished.

To be Protected by Troops.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 12.—Governor Buokner has ordered one company of troops from Lexington and another from Harrodsburg to go to Harlan county to protect the court and witnesses at the trial in connection with the Howard-Turner feud.

Stage Robbed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—A Co'sa dispatch says that the Bartlett California stage was robbed by one masked man near Leesville yesterday. The Wells, Fargo express box was taken, but it stated there was nothing in the box.

Burned to Death